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1. IN GENERAL STATION FEELS THERE IS TOO MUCH OF TENDENCY TOWARD FREI-WATCHING WITHIN OUR GOVT. CONSEQUENTLY OUR ^{MOODS} ~~MOODS~~ GO UP AND DOWN WITH HIS. SINCE HE IS NOT RENOWNED AS ² STRONG LEADER, IT WOULD SEEM ADVISABLE TO BECOME MORE DETACHED FROM HIS PERSONAL VIEW OF THINGS.

2. THE ONLY INDICATION WE HAVE OF FREI'S MOOD AT THE MOMENT IS FROM ~~REDACTED~~ FREI COMMENTED ~~REDACTED~~ ON ~~REDACTED~~ THAT HE FEARED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNISM IN CHILE IS NOW ~~RE~~ IRREVERSIBLE. HE SAID THE OTHER SIDE (U.P.) WAS BUSY AT PRACTICAL POLITICS 24 HOURS A DAY AND HAD LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY AND A WELL-FUNCTIONING ORGANIZATION. ~~HE~~ COMMENTED ON NEED FOR LESS FRICTION BETWEEN PDC AND PH. HE DID NOT COMMENT ON WHAT EFFECT A WELL FINANCED, WELL ORGANIZED, HARD-WORKING OPPOSITION MIGHT HAVE ON THIS IRREVERSIBLE PROCESS. OF INTEREST TO NOTE THAT BCM AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR NOT CONVINCED

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PRESENT PROCESS IS IRREVERSIBLE.

3. FREI REMARKED THAT FOREIGN PRESSURE ON PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS IMPORTANT FACTOR BECAUSE HIS OWN GOVT FELT OBLIGED TO *REACT* TO FOREIGN PRESSURE ALSO.

4. FREI COMMENTED, WHEN DISCUSSING THE ~~TRUE~~ STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT ALLENDE AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY, THAT HE BELIEVED ALLENDE WILL BE SATISFIED WITH THE TRAPPINGS OF POWER WHICH THE PRESIDENCY WILL AFFORD HIM AND WILL NOT ATTEMPT DISPUTE PCCH ON ANY ISSUES. ~~ON THE OTHER HAND~~ ~~SAYS HE~~ BELIEVES THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY ^{ies} DRIVE WEDGES BETWEEN ALLENDE AND COMMUNISTS AND SAID THAT IN SPEAKING TO ALLENDE JUST BEFORE HIS INAUGURATION, ALLENDE HAD MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT HE MEANT TO BE HIS OWN PRESIDENT AND TO MAKE ALL THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS IN HIS GOVT.

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